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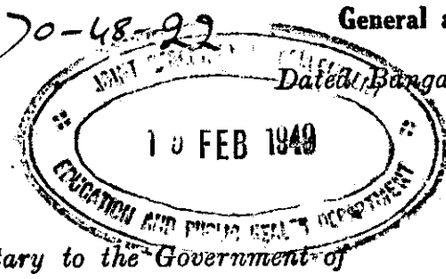
Fairs and Festivals- Mahadeswara Bettada Jatra - Prevalence of Cholera in the Madras Presidency- Govt of Mysore letter replied

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

M/13574/P.H.70-48-22

General and Revenue Secretariat,

Dated, Bangalore, 8th February 1949.



The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Public Health, Food & Civil Supplies Department.

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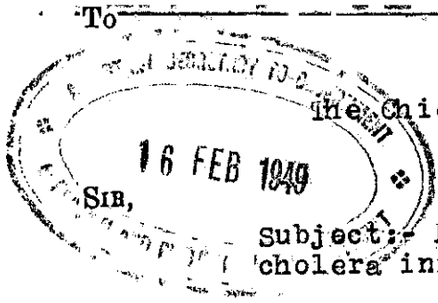

The Chief Secretary to Government of Madras.

Sir,

Subject:- Mahadeswara Bettada Jatra, prevalence of cholera infection in the adjoining taluks of Madras Presidency.

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11801 I am directed to state that it is reported by the Director of Public Health in Mysore, Bangalore, that there is prevalence of cholera in Coimbatore and other Districts of Madras Presidency, and there is danger of outbreak of the disease in Mysore State through the pilgrims returning from the Mahadeswara Bettada Jatra which is expected to come off on the last week of February 1949.

I am therefore to request you to be so good as to intimate if there is any proposal, in view of the prevalence of cholera in this area, to stop the jatra this year and if not, the sanitary and other arrangements made this year to protect the health of the people who attend the jatra may kindly be intimated.

In this connection, I am to state that arrangements will be made by this Government to issue cholera inoculation certificates to pilgrims attending the jatra from Mysore State, and I would appreciate very much if a notification is issued by Madras Government prohibiting persons from outside attending the jatra without an inoculation certificate.

The favour of very early reply is requested.

P. W (H&) Dept.
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Yours faithfully,

for SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
PUBLIC HEALTH, FOOD & CIVIL SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

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Sub: Fairs and Festivals - Maladeswara Bettada Jatra - Prevalence of Cholera in the Madras ~~adjoining talukas of~~ Presidency.

Ref: From the Chief Secretary to the Govt of ~~Mysore~~ H.H. the Maharajah of Mysore No M13574/P.H-70-48-22. dated 8.2.49.

Memo: 11801-E2/48-9 P.H. dt 17-1-49.

Referred to the D.P.H. for ~~report~~ remarks. He is requested to treat this ~~as urgent~~ as special and send a reply at once as this Maladeswara Bettada Jatra is expected to come off in the last week of this month.

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The D.P.H.
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To

The ~~Chief~~ Secretary to H.H. Govt. of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
P.H., Food and C.S. Deptt., Bangalore.

~~Ref: Your letter No M 135 74 PH 70 48 22 of 8-2-49.~~

Sub: Fairs and Festivals- Mahadeswara Battada Jatra - Prevalence of Cholera in ~~the~~ the Madras Presidency.

Ref: Your letter No M.135 74-P.H-70-48-22. dated 8-2-49.
Letter/Ref/No 11801-Ex/49-2-P.H. dated 17-1-49.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter read above and to state that a reply will be sent as early as possible.

Yours faithfully,
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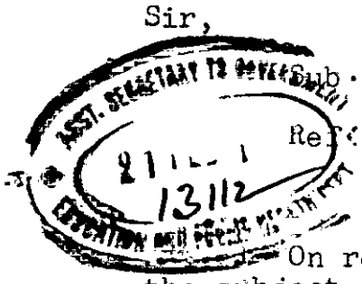
From
Dr.R.M.Mathew,
M.R.C.P. D.T.M.&.H. D.P.H.
Director of Public Health,
Madras.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health
Department, Fort St.George,
Madras.

R.No.12149-Epi-49 dated 19th February, 1949.

Sir,



Sub.: Fairs and Festival--Mahadeswara Bettada Jatra--Prevalence of Cholera in the Madras Presidency.

Ref.: Government Memorandum No.11801-E2-49-1-PH dated 17th February, 1949.

On receipt of a letter B.E.1782/48/9 dated 28th January, 1949 on the subject from the Director of Public Health in Mysore, Bangalore, the District Health Officer Coimbatore within whose jurisdiction the above Jatra takes place from 24th February, 1949 to 1st March, 1949 in Madeswaran Hills of Kollegal Taluk, was asked to supply the information direct to Director of Public Health, Mysore. The District Health Officer, in his letter Roc.38/E/49 dated 10th February, 1949 to Director of Public Health, Mysore (copy enclosed for information of Government) has stated that there is no proposal for the present to prohibit the festival and al precautionery steps are being taken by him in the matter. A notification (copy enclosed) has also been issued to the Press in Madras by this Office, warning all pilgrims of the risk of Cholera infection and advising them to get themselves inoculated against Cholera and possess certificates to that effect.

Yours faithfully,

for Director of Public Health, Madras.

Copy of the letter R.No.6393-Epi-49 dated 11th February, 1949 from this Office, to the Editors.

Sub : Mahasivarathri Jatra--24th February, 1949 to 1st March, 1949--Madeswaran Hills--Kollegal Taluk and Range-Coimbatore--Warning to intending pilgrims.

I request you kindly to publish the enclosed notification in your valuable daily free of cost.

Notification.

All persons intending to visit the Mahasivarathiri Jatra at Madeswaran Hills, Kollegal Taluk are warned of the risk of Cholera infection. They are advised to get themselves inoculated against Cholera atleast one week before commencing their journey and to take with them the inoculation certificates. Otherwise they will not be allowed to enter the festival area.

Anti-Cholera inoculations will be done free of charge by the Health Inspectors of the Ranges in Coimbatore and Salem Districts and they will also issue the necessary certificate.

Copy of the letter Roc.No.38-E-49 dated 10th February, 1949 from the District Health Officer, Coimbatore to the Director of Public Health, Mysore State at Bangalore, and copy to the Director of Public Health, Madras.

Sub : Madheswaran Batta Jatra--Kollegal Taluk-Coimbatore District--
Ref : Your letter B.E.1782/48 dated 26th January, 1949 communicated to me by the Director of Public Health, Madras.
This Office Letter Roc.No.38-E-49 dated 9th February, 1949 (copy communicated to you).
Telegram from the Director of Public Health, Madras dated 9th February, 1949.

There is no proposal at present to prohibit the holding of the Jatra at Madheswaran Hills during the ensuing Sivarathri. I have in my communication mentioned above requested the Director of Public Health to notify in newspapers that persons coming into Jatra Area without Cholera inoculation certificates will be turned back and that inoculations will be done free of charge by all Health Inspectors to intending pilgrims. Necessary preventive measures to keep the water sources enroute and on the hills, free from contamination, will be carried out. Observation stations at Cowdahalli and Talabetta will be functioning and suspicious cases will be isolated. You may rest assured that on this side all possible preventive steps will be carried out.

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for Director of Public Health, Madras.

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Letter/Ms/No. 580 P.H. dated 21/2/49

To

The Secretary to the Govt.of H.H.the
Maharaja of Mysore,
P.H, Food and C.S.Deptt., Bangalore.

Sir,

Sub: Fairs and Festivals - Mahadeswara Bettada Jatra - Prevalence of Cholera in the Madras Presidency.

Ref: Your letter No. M.13574 - P.H. 70.48.22 dated 8-2-49.

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I am directed to state that this Government have no proposal to prohibit the Mahadeswara Bettada Jatra this year and that the Public Health authorities of this Government are already taking necessary measures in connection with the festival. The Director of Pub. Health with this Govt. has also issued to the Press a notification warning all persons intending to visit the Jatra of the risk of Cholera infection and advising them to get themselves inoculated against Cholera at least one week before commencing the journey and to take with them the inoculation certificates. A copy of the notification is enclosed for your information.

Yours faithfully,

Copy to the D.P.H.